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## REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

### SELVIN'S REPLY

In last week's issue of East Bay Labor Journal we were glad to reprint an editorial which Dave Selvin, editor of San Francisco Labor, published March 30, written in reply to our question of March 16 as to why San Francisco Labor doesn't regularly run an editorial column. We'd have reprinted Brother Dave's piece sooner, but space congestion prevented. Incidentally, San Francisco Labor didn't do us the courtesy of reprinting our piece of March 16 which raised the question.

Selvin's argument is that the "venerable editor of East Bay Labor Journal" believes that "special virtue attaches to the writing of editorials in the style that grandpappy used fifty years ago," but that "times do change" and that in the "light of the blunt facts of modern propaganda, twentieth century journalism and life as she's lived in 1956" an editorial should do as San Francisco Labor does, which, according to Selvin, "writes the overwhelming portion of its news interpretively, with a built-in viewpoint," with the result "that labor's viewpoint is reflected from every column and every page of San Francisco Labor rather than from the isolated editorial column alone."

### YOUNG, ENTHUSIASTIC!

We'll leave aside the references to the present writer's age (born July 1, 1891) of which we can assure our friend is jealous, since we were thus able to sit in on the Bryan-McKinley campaign, a real humdinger even in the memory of one then only 5 years old.

The nub of Selvin's argument is that by slanting the news in his paper he puts across regularly and faithfully something which he calls "labor's viewpoint."

We do not have such a fixed elderly notion of what "labor's viewpoint" is. Being still young and enthusiastic and living in a much more lively, youthful, and progressive atmosphere than does the editor of any labor paper in the ancient city across the bay, we think of labor as a lively growing organism with many points of view.

Some of those varying points of view we try to bring out and discuss in an annoyingly energetic fashion so that our readers will be stimulated to think about major issues confronting their movement. That is exactly the function of an editorial column, not merely to express some dead-as-a-dornal standard attitude, but to bring up new and disturbing points of view fermenting in a living movement.

### MEANY OR BECK?

"Labor's viewpoint." Which one: Meany's? Beck's? Hoffa's? Brewster's? Just name those four names and you get our idea about there being no standardized "labor's viewpoint" which can be considered intelligently merely by having a "built-in" slant in your news columns.

Editorially, we've made no bones about it: We're for Meany in that particular scrap, and for Brewster, if his deeds live up to his words. That doesn't mean we're always tamed for Meany; for example, we think Reuther righter about India than Meany is, and that's an important issue.

Another thing we're for is: real editorials in real labor papers!

VERN PANKEY, secretary-treasurer, Cannery Workers 750, has been confirmed by the Oakland City Council in the appointment to the Oakland Housing Authority made by Mayor Rishell.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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## Beck Indicates Defense Line, Preparing to Face Meany

General President Dave Beck of the Teamsters Brotherhood indicated this week to United Press in Seattle the line of defense he intends to take when brought before the executive council of the AFLCIO this coming Tuesday, May 1.

Beck has been summoned by AFLCIO President George Meany to explain the alliance or agreement of the Teamsters with the International Longshoremen's Association, which was thrown out of the AFL on the ground that it was run by racketeers.

Beck told the UP that "the agreement was approved by the old AFL, and I contend the merged AFLCIO has no right to interfere with an agreement signed under a constitution that no longer exists."

### AFLCIO REPORT

Under a two-column headline, "Council Meets May 1 on Teamsters' Status" the AFLCIO News for April 21 gives the following background of the issue on which Beck has been summoned to the executive council meeting:

The 29-member executive council of the AFLCIO will hold a special meeting in Washington May 1 called by President George Meany to consider the federation's relationship with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

The Teamsters union has signed an alliance with the International Longshoremen's Association, expelled as racketeer-dominated from the AFL in 1953.

Announcement of the special parley came from Meany after a three-hour conference with Teamster President Dave Beck on April 16.

"The entire matter will be referred to a special meeting of the executive council which I am calling for May 1," Meany said after the discussion. He told reporters:

"I am not going to discuss details. You know the subject matter."

### DATES FROM FEBRUARY

The "subject matter" arose in late February when it was announced that the Teamsters through three of its regional conferences, planned to lend the ILA some \$400,000 to help that racket-ridden union pay off most of its debts.

At that same time, Teamsters Vice-President James Hoffa announced that the "mutual assistance agreement" with the ILA would soon go into operation.

Immediately, Meany announced that he had taken steps to "ascertain fully all facts in connection with this matter."

"As soon as I obtain the facts," he said, "I will take whatever action the circumstances warrant, in accordance with the principles set forth in the Constitution of the AFLCIO."

### ARRANGEMENT CANCELLED

Presumably as a result of that statement, the Teamsters announced plans to call off the arrangements for the loan. Reporters found a number of Teamster local officials resentful of turning over the big sum to the ILA, which planned to use most of the money to repay loans to John L. Lewis of the Miners (unaffiliated).

The mine union had supported the ILA in a National Labor Relations Board election contest on the New York docks when it nosed out a new longshoremen's union created by the AFL to end gangster control over the dock workers.

At that time, the Teamsters and Beck supported the new union, the International Brotherhood of Longshoremen. Later, however, the Teamsters moved toward closer relationships with the expelled ILA.

### STAND UNCHANGED

Beck, after the session with Meany, maintained that his position remained unchanged in asserting that "a working agreement with the longshoremen... is not in conflict with the constitution" of the AFLCIO.

The constitution, in Article IV, Section 6, provides that no organization which has seceded from or been suspended or expelled by the federation or by an affiliated international union shall "while under such penalty, be allowed representation or recognition in the federation or in any subordinate body thereof, or in any national or international unions or organizing committee affiliated with this federation..."

In addition, Section 10 of Article II, which sets forth the AFLCIO's Objects and Principles, calls on the AFLCIO to "protect the labor movement

from any and all corrupt influences."

Meany has given no indication as to what specific action he may seek from the May 1 meeting of the executive council.

He conceded only that the meeting with Beck had ended with the two men sharing different viewpoints, adding: "If we didn't I wouldn't be calling meeting of the executive council."

### SCHNITZLER, MOHN PRESENT

Present, in addition to Meany and Beck were, AFLCIO Secretary - Treasurer William Schnitzler, Teamster Vice-President Mohn and J. Albert Woll, who is counsel for both the federation and the Teamsters.

The International Brotherhood of Longshoremen—chartered by the AFL after the expulsion of the ILA in 1953—has within the last 10 days urged the AFLCIO to act against the Teamsters because of its relationship with the ousted ILA.

Meanwhile, a New York judge sentenced one Mickey Bowers, a racketeering boss on the west side docks, to five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine for failure to pay corporation taxes of \$43,000 in 1951. Bowers is secretary-treasurer of the Allied Stevedoring Corporation, and with his cousin Harold Bowers, is a dominant figure in ILA Local 824.

(Note: Editorial on the question at issue between Beck and Meany will be found on page 4.)

## Anti-Negro Group Also Anti-Union, AFLCIO Declares

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AFLCIO) — A report of the AFLCIO Civil Rights Committee which brands the White Citizens Councils of the South both "anti-union and anti-democratic" was approved by the AFLCIO Executive Council.

The White Citizens Councils were launched in Mississippi following the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public schools. They immediately became "rallying points throughout the South for the defiance of the Supreme Court decision," the report noted.

"There is a close link between these organizations and the drive to weaken and destroy trade unions," the committee said. "Many of the members of the various committees of the Federation for Constitutional Government can be identified as anti-union leaders and sponsors of state right-to-work laws."

(The FGG is a combine of the White Citizens Councils organized last December under what the report terms a "deliberately misleading name.") The Civil Rights Committee warned that moves have been reported by White Citizens Councils leaders to form independent union centers and "to chop away union membership from AFLCIO affiliates."

"The pattern followed by this new Ku Klux Klan without hoods is ominous in its resemblance to the pattern of the growth of Nazism and other totalitarian movements which fed on hatred and defied constitutional democracy," the committee said.

The committee recommended that the AFLCIO "maintain a relationship of cooperation" with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Urban League, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Jewish Labor Committee and the National Labor Service.

It also directed its staff to investigate organizations working in the area of Mexican-American relationships, "an area neglected in the work of Civil Rights organizations."

## Water & Power Users Meet Tonight (Friday)

A meeting of the California Water & Power Users Association has been called for 8:30 p.m. tonight (Friday) at UAW-CIO hall, 7208 East 14th street, Oakland, announces Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Robert B. River.



ALBERT BROWN, Business Representative of the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union, Local 302, is introducing Bill the puppet to the first audience at the new puppet theatre in Children's Fairland. An honorary member of Local 302, sponsors of the puppet shows, Bill appears at each performance to announce that his union is the sponsor. There is no admission charge at the puppet theatre, where performances are presented by the Hayward Marionettes at 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m., Wednesdays through Sundays. Brown says that as of April 20, the number of children who had seen the fascinating show was 48,000.

## Planning Commission Reports Interests Building Tradesmen

The Building Trades Council was interested in receiving the annual report of the Oakland City Planning Commission for two reasons.

The first reason is because the future of the building industry is closely connected with the work of the Planning Commission.

The second reason is more personal—because one of the well known delegates to the BTC, Hugh S. Rutledge, Painter 127 is chairman of the Oakland Planning Commission.

Rutledge said in his letter of transmittal to the City Council of the report, which covers the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955:

"One of the most noteworthy planning accomplishments during the past year was the Federal Government's approval of Oakland's 'Workable Program,' which is the first step toward urban renewal. The year also saw the completion of various studies and reports which are necessary for the completion of the Master Plan."

One of the most interesting parts of the report from the viewpoint of the building trades is that dealing with subdivisions.

The importance of careful designing of a subdivision is illustrated with two maps of the "before and after" type, showing a subdivision, originally recorded in 1929, bounded by Knowland State Park, Skyline boulevard, Grass Valley road, and Golf Links road. The only development that took place in 24 years after the original plan's recording was the building of a school.

So when in 1954 a developer got hold of almost all the lots in the original layout, and "by working in close relationship with the Planning Commission staff and within the framework of the already existing streets surrounding the school site, the subdivided was able to produce this plan for a well integrated subdivision. Note the improved street design, the creation of major and minor streets, the improved intersections and lot design proposed in relation to the already existing streets. The first section of this plan is now under construction."

### WONDERFUL FEED

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers caused amusement at the last meeting of the council with his account of a wonderful, wonderful, wonderful dinner at the Leamington which he ate, enjoyed, and went home wondering wonderfully what it was all about.

It was given by Fred Reed, a real estate man, who picked up the check, and everybody was there, Bob Ash, Joe Knowland, and mayors and members of the Legislature.

"Maybe it was in honor of Progress and Mother," said Childers, "or maybe it wasn't, but if I'm ever invited again, I'll certainly go, because the food was mighty good."

Some years ago there was an East Bay Planning Association, and it occurred to Childers that maybe something of the sort is brewing again.

### PRE-JOB CONFAB

Childers reported on a pre-job conference held, with representatives all affected crafts present, on the big paving job the Gordon Fall Co. is doing on the Bayshore freeway to the Castro Valley cutoff.

## CLC MEETS APRIL 30; BTC ON FIRST OF MAY

The Central Labor Council will resume this next Monday, April 30, its regular meeting schedule, interrupted this week to make room for the convention of the Voters-League-AFL.

The Building Trades Council will hold its regular fortnightly meeting Tuesday, May 1.

## Robert Coate Is Recommended For Hayward's Board

Andre N. LaRoche, secretary-treasurer, Southern Alameda County Voters League-AFL, announces that the League has recommended Robert L. Coate, 18325 Kingston Way, Castro Valley, as a candidate for election May 18 to the board of trustees of the Hayward Union High School.

LaRoche in making the announcement said:

"We hope that the labor movement is aware of the importance of this post on the board. The board has jurisdiction over 9 elementary schools and one high school. If we are ever to have a unified school district to which our brothers in the unions could make representations for wages and conditions it is high time we all take an active part in the selection and election of board members who understand our problems."

LaRoche said that Coate has been interviewed closely by the League, and is a man with long experience in school affairs.

"All unions with members living in the Hayward High School District should urge their members to cast their votes for Robert L. Coate," said LaRoche, "for a vote for this candidate will be a vote for labor."

## Printing Trades Now at 600 - 16th

The East Bay Cities Allied Printing Trades Council office, which for some years has shared the space of Oakland Typographical Union office in the Labor Temple, has moved to 600 - 16th street, room 17.

Roy Heinrichs, Allied Printing Trades Council secretary, said that the volume of business for both John W. Austin, Type 36 secretary, and the Printing Trades Council, had increased so much that the move became necessary. The telephone number of the new office is TE 2-3497. Heinrichs will be there part of the time, and when he is away, a telephone service will make note of all calls.

## S. F. Leaders Join Optician Pickets

President Jack Goldberger and Secretary George Johns of the San Francisco Labor Council were among those who walked the picket lines this week for the Optical Technicians, who have for three weeks been out in a strike and lock-out.

Goldberger and Johns picketed in front of the Jenkel-Davidson place at 366 Post Street.

## Unions Not Filing Oath Can Picket

The U. S. Supreme Court ruled April 23 that a union does not lose its right to picket peacefully by failing to comply with the non-Communist oath provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act.

The 7 to 1 decision held that a union's failure to file such an oath is "merely a choice not to make public certain information... The Taft-Hartley Act prescribes no fine or penalty for failure to file the specified data and affidavits."

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep gratitude to the many friends for the acts of kindness, messages of sympathy, the beautiful floral offerings received, the donations to the many funds, and to the memorial at the Trinity Episcopal Church in memory of our beloved Beatrice A. Slettum.

LEON A. SLETTUM, JR., LEON A. SLETTUM, JR., and FAMILY.

## June 5 Election Suggestions Made by Labor Voters League

The Alameda County Voters League-AFL met in convention in the Labor Temple Monday night and made the following recommendations for the June 5 primary election:

### U. S. SENATE

State Senator Richard Richards, Democrat

### HOUSE

7th: Dr. Laurance L. Cross, Democrat

8th: George P. Miller, Democrat

### ASSEMBLY

13th: Carlos Bee, Democrat

14th: Robert W. Crown, Democrat

15th: Robert B. River, Democrat

16th: William M. Freeborn, Democrat

17th: W. Byron Rumford, Democrat

18th: Dr. James G. Whitney, Democrat

### SUPERIOR COURT

1st: Judge James Quinn

2nd: No recommendation

3rd: No recommendation

5th: No recommendation

### MUNICIPAL COURT

1st: Judge Ed Smith

2nd: No recommendation

3rd: No recommendation

### SUPERVISORS

1st: Chester E. Stanley

4th: No recommendation

5th: Dr. Boliver Moore

### LINCOLN DISCUSSED

All 9 of the candidates running for partisan office who were recommended by the League are Democrats, but some speeches were made on behalf of one Republican, Assemblyman Luther H. Lincoln of the 15th District.

Les Moore, Auto & Ship Painters 1176, argued that Lincoln, Speaker of the Assembly should be recommended, as C. J. Haggerty, State Federation of Labor secretary, says that Lincoln as Speaker was helpful to labor, especially in assigning bills to the proper committees.

"I'm as good a Democrat as any man in this room," said Moore, "but am primarily a labor man, and can't go along with the idea that we must endorse every Democrat. If we recommend River, we again become just the shirt tail of the Democratic Party."

Moore having stated that he hadn't noted any great activity of River since he ran against Lincoln two years ago, James B. Gordon, Glassblowers 137, replied that he lives in the 15th Assembly District, and knows that River has been very active during the two years since the last election, both in the Assembly District and in the 8th Congressional District.

"The CIO Auto Workers have unanimously endorsed River," said Gordon, "and he deserves our support. If we properly campaign for River, Mr. Lincoln won't be Speaker any more."

### PRO-LINCOLN

J. L. Childers, business representative, Building Trades Council, contended that it would be a mistake to oppose Lincoln, that he was sure to be the next Speaker of the Assembly, that there is very little chance of electing enough Democrats to name a Democratic Speaker, and that a "Right to Work" bill may come up from the more reactionary Republicans in the next session of the Legislature, and it would then make a great difference to have a relatively liberal Republican in the Speakership.

"Governor Knight says he'd veto a Right to Work bill," concluded Childers, "but I don't trust Knight that much. I think we can't afford to gamble on this."

### ANTI-LINCOLN

George L. Rice, Electricians 1245, insisting that River should be recommended, said that Lincoln's incumbency of the Speakership was not so important as some of the delegates had indicated.

"Even the worst of the Speakers has cooperated to some extent with our legislative representative in Sacramento," said Rice. "Even Silliman, who had 19 bad labor votes and no good ones, did some things for us as Speaker."

Rice analyzed Lincoln's voting record in the last three sessions, declaring that most of his good votes were with large majorities of the Assembly, and that rarely indeed did he turn up to cast a vote good for labor when the division was closed.

"He did help us in winning the vote to ban the sale of yellowtail fish," said Rice, causing some laughter.

Rice then cited the excellent record of River, who gave up lucrative Federal employment

rather than to give up his right as a citizen to work for improved transportation and for control of the big electric power interests.

### ASH'S COMMENT

Robert S. Ash, secretary of the League and of the Central Labor Council, gave the figures on Lincoln's voting record, said that Haggerty and others favoring a recommendation of Lincoln felt that someone much more reactionary than he might be made Speaker if he failed to return to the Assembly.

"I have said before, so I'll say it again," concluded Ash, "that Lincoln has had a good record when not recommended by us, and a lousy record when we did endorse him!"

Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36, said River should be recommended.

"If we recommend Lincoln," said Chaudet, "we're adopting a mistaken philosophy we've had for years. That is, once a man attains any office where we fear he might do us harm, we recommend him to the voters. On that principle, why not endorse Eisenhower, Knowland, and Kuchel? They're in office, so endorse 'em!"

Chaudet insisted it is only natural that Haggerty backs Lincoln.

"Lincoln is Neil's boy," said Chaudet. "All the dailies said after Lincoln was made speaker that it was Neil Haggerty that did it. So how could Neil run out on Lincoln now? But I remember when Neil got Bob Ash and me and a few others to back Warren for Governor, and within three months Neil was officially announcing that Warren had taken an action that made him cease to be a friend of labor."

Chaudet added that Lincoln had endorsed Eisenhower, Knowland, and Kuchel, and that Haggerty in the last campaign endorsed Knight, so what labor was doing if it went along with Lincoln was to help the Republican machine build up Lincoln for Congress, as a man who would some day run for Congress in the 8th District when labor would be backing someone like Carlos Bee or Frank Dunn.

When the vote was put by League President Lew Blix, there were some votes cast for Lincoln, but the majority was for River.

### JAMES WHITNEY

The recommendation of Dr. James Whitney in the 18th Assembly District was moved by Berkeley City Councilman Jeffery Cohelan, of Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302. In the 18th the incumbent is another prominent Republican, Thomas W. Caldecott, chairman of the powerful Ways & Means Committee, but no plea was made for endorsing him as in the case of Speaker Lincoln.

Supervisor Francis Dunn, former Assemblyman in the 13th, and a member of Painters 127, was invited to speak as a guest. He said that he wished to discuss in the near future with both the Central and the Building Trades Councils the proposal of the Supervisors that certain county offices now elective be made appointive; also two other charter amendments coming up June 5.

## Funds Criticized For Checkup Lack

ALBANY, N. Y.—Welfare and pension funds operating on an unplanned pay-as-you-go basis and without proper scientific analysis can mean disaster for union members and their families.

The serious difficulties that funds have and can possibly encounter have led the New York State Federation of Labor to distribute to all its affiliated organizations a comprehensive article on the role of actuarial planning for union welfare and pension funds.

Federation officials recommended reading and discussion of the article at a called meeting of each organization.

Harold Faggen, of Harold Faggen Associates, prepared the analysis, pointing up sharply that insurance brokers and so-called "broker-consultants" were of little help to union groups engaged in setting up welfare and pension funds.



## HOW TO BUY

### Regular Gas Satisfactory

By SIDNEY MARGOLIS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Car owners who know the score about present octane ratings of gas can save a large part of their gasoline costs by using the lower-priced regular grade. This department has obtained some revealing data on present octane ratings of car fuel. They indicate that for most popular-price cars now on the road, and even some 1956 models, regular gas today should be satisfactory, and in fact is the equivalent in octane rating of premium gasoline of a few years ago.

This table shows how the average rating of gasoline has increased in recent years:

	1950	1953	1955	1956
Regular	86.1	87.9	91	91.4
Premium	92	93	97	97.2

The chief factor, though not the only one, in determining whether your car probably needs regular or premium gas is its compression ratio. If you don't know the compression ratio for your model and year, a dealer in your make can look it up for you.

One oil company's engineers estimate that an engine with compression ratio of 8 to 1 requires 92-octane gas; of 9 to 1, 95 and of 10 to 1, 98. Most of the popular price cars built before 1956 have compression ratios of less than 8 to 1, and thus can use today's regular gas. Among the '56's the popular sixes have compression ratios ranging from 7.4 to 1, to a top of 8 to 1. Thus most of these cars can be considered candidates for regular gas. Only a few 1956 eight-cylinder cars, however, have compression ratios of 8 to 1 or less, and some of the high-priced makes now go up to 10 to 1.

High-compression engines deliver maximum power, and, theoretically at least, greatest economy, if high-octane fuel is used. High-octane or premium gas burns more slowly and evenly.

But the fact is, the premium gas now on the market is really engineered for the bigger, more powerful cars, and the average owner may not need it. And since the price spread between regular and premium grades has widened to the point where it is now often three to five cents, the regular grade has become a real money-saver.

Also, some of the regular grade gasolines on the market are higher in octane rating than others. It pays to try out different brands of regular grade to see if you can observe any difference in mileage per gallon, and also in performance when accelerating and on hills.

As important as the grade of gas in car economy, are the mechanical condition of your car and the way you drive. Ex-

perts say that improper carburetor adjustment or faulty timing are the most frequent reasons why motorists don't get full potential mileage from gas.

Car owners also often postpone chassis lubrication because they don't hear any squeaks. But postponing grease jobs wastes gas as well as increasing body and engine wear, because the power required to overcome friction reduces power at the rear wheels.

In handling your car, you'll save gasoline dollars by driving at moderate speeds and upshifting promptly. Lower gears should be used only for getting the car rolling. If you jack-rabbit up to 20 mph in low gear, you use 35 percent more gas than high gear consumes at 20 mph.

### Speaking of Clothes

#### Shoes—Shine 'em

Shoes take a sizable bite out of the family's clothing budget. So it pays to give shoes the best of care to stretch their life and good appearance by several months.

The shoe-shine habit is one which every member of the family should adopt. Not only will shoes look far better if they are kept gleaming, but the leather will be less likely to crack and scuff if it gets plenty of polish.

Shining shoes will be a more pleasant task if all the needed items are in one place. Keep a shoe-shine kit in an accessible place so that it will be convenient to use. The kit should contain polish for every color shoe, plenty of clean rags, brushes for brown and black shoes, and polish applicators. Keep a good supply of wax and liquid-type polishes.

A timely trip to the shoe-maker sometimes can save a pair of shoes. As soon as the lift part of the heel becomes worn, have new lifts put on. This is less expensive than replacing a whole new heel. When soles become thin at the ball of the foot, it's time to have the shoes half-soled.

DR. CLARK KERR, chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley, has accepted chairmanship of the East Bay United Crusade's labor-management committee.

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### Some Good Food

#### Cooking Pork

Fresh pork is "roasted," and smoked or cured pork is "baked." This is the way to deal with the big fellows of the pork family. The meat should be placed with the fat side on a rack in an open roasting pan. It does not require water or basting and should be cooked in a slow (325 degree) oven until done.

Boiling or simmering is a good way to cook boneless smoked butt, smoked picnic, ham shank, hocks, spareribs, and pork feet. To do best for the flavor and texture of the meat, it should be kept below a boil, at a simmer, until the meat is well done and tender.

Pork should be cooked until no red or pink color is visible or, in the case of roasts, until the meat thermometer shows they are done. When cooking pork chops, cut a tiny slit near the bone; if the meat is not pink, the chops are done.

TRANSPORT WORKERS have postponed a scheduled strike against the Pennsylvania Railroad following the National Mediation Board's agreement to mediate the dispute.

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### To The Ladies FROM THE EDITOR

"LINE HOGGING," the refusal to get off a party line when someone else wishes to use it, or, in its milder form, just using your phone excessively so that other party line users rarely get a chance at theirs, continues to draw publicity.

The California Farm Bureau, one of the two large organizations of farmers in this State, is especially interested, because in rural areas there are still often a good many parties on one line.

So the Farm Bureau has launched an information campaign to bring the evils of line hogging before the public.

CIRCUIT BREAKER that works mechanically is being tried out by the phone company in some areas. The period of time permitted for conversation before the device goes into operation varies from 10 to 20 minutes.

A warning sounds before the circuit is broken, giving opportunity to bring the conversation to a close.

WORST OFFENDERS at line hogging, if painful truth must be told, seem to be women.

Some women spend so much time on the phone that their housework and even their children are neglected.

Good rule is to use the phone chiefly for business and for making appointments. Then if you want to have a nice long gossip with a friend, hitch up the old bus and go visit her.

But the women who need this advice won't be reading this—they'll be on the phone!

### Compensation Law Changes for Docks

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — Congressional action to bring the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act into line with present conditions is "long overdue," AFL-CIO Legislative Representative Walter J. Mason told a House Labor Subcommittee.

The act is more important than it sounds. It covers about 600,000 workers, serving as a workmen's compensation law for longshoremen, ship repairmen, ship servicemen, harbor workers, other off-shore workers, and employees of government contractors at defense bases or on public works in foreign countries, and is the basic legislation for the District of Columbia.

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### Child-rearing

#### Jailed Mothers

A problem that is receiving a good deal of attention by magistrates and social workers concerns the case of a mother who is sent to prison for neglecting her children. The opinion is rapidly gaining ground that imprisonment is the very last form of punishment that should be imposed in such cases.

It is well enough known that the chief causes of child neglect by mothers are found to be ill-health, stress of too-frequent child-bearing, bad housing conditions, strained marital relationships and so on. Why a mother under such circumstances should have to be committed to prison is beyond comprehension when the real need is that she should be nursed back to physical and mental health while the children are cared for by trained nursery staffs.

There are alternatives to imprisonment for women who have neglected their children. There are homes in various parts of the country—not enough of them by any means—to which they can be sent. The Salvation Army, for instance, have homes where this recuperative work could be undertaken, and there are others which have been started since the end of the war. From the depths of despair mothers are being helped back to a normal place in society. —Durham County Advertiser (England).

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### Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

SO MANY GIRLS nowadays get married as soon as they have finished high school, if not before, that teachers of Home Economics have been endeavoring to make their class-work more and more practical.

"Domestic Science" as it was called in the old days, taught the girls little more than to do a little cooking and a little sewing, which, as any housewife knows, doesn't begin to tell the story when it comes to running a home.

Child care is an important subject in many schools, and down in Mountain View, the home management class, under the direction of Mrs. Lorraine Hawks, dean, and Mrs. Clarence Gerhardt, instructor, has actually conducted a nursery school one day a month, thus freeing the mothers to attend a Home Extension Class of the University of California.

These high school seniors tell stories, supervise games, finger painting, music, as well as the fruit-juice-graham-cracker period for the little ones.

In addition, the girls have made stuffed toys for the use of children in the school.

This work is considered part of their class activity and is duly reported on to the girls in the class who have not participated.

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## Angelo Bruzzone Tells About Trade Unions in Britain

Crowded space has prevented East Bay Labor Journal from printing until this issue passages in interesting letters received from Angelo Bruzzone, member of Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302, who is in Oxford, England, on a scholarship at Ruskin College.

Bruzzone says that not only he and his wife enjoy reading East Bay Labor Journal, but the students at the college as well.

A visiting team of American labor people came to Ruskin College recently, and, says Bruzzone, "one member of the group paid a high compliment to our Central Labor Council and the autonomous quality of our trade unions in the Bay Area. I hope we can keep it so!"

Bruzzone expresses deep regret at the passing of his fellow member of Local 302, William P. Fee.

Speaking of the British National Health Plan which has been so denounced by the AMA, Bruzzone says:

"The people and the medical profession find it very satisfactory, as far as I can gather. My wife and I have had occasion to use it. We had a doctor's visit which cost nothing but one shilling (12 cents) for a prescription. I had my eyes examined and a pair of glasses made; it cost me one pound, ten shillings, and ninepence (about \$4.17).

"The big talk here in England at present," says Bruzzone, "is about the latest Russian 'new look,' and also the way Dulles is changing his mind and opinions of it. Dulles is making America look very foolish."

"The Lucy case in Alabama is causing further misunderstanding of the U. S. When are the Southern States going to realize that the United States is looked upon as a leader? We here as individuals are doing all we can to praise our way of life in the U. S., and then issues such as these come up and undo much of the good work we have done."

Bruzzone says that "Ike and his hunting and fishing is a standing joke here also."

Commenting on a union meeting he attended recently, Bruzzone says the main problem is to get a quorum, and that most of the men at the meeting were shop stewards, who bear the brunt of conducting union affairs, as there are no paid officials at the local level; the one paid official is a district organizer who has many locals in his jurisdiction.

He feels that although the trade union movement in Britain is "a well organized system," I believe it moves too slowly and has not done the job that it could do, granting that it has improved working conditions and raised the standard of living." Labor in England, says Bruzzone, moves too much along traditional lines.

He thinks there is too big a gap between the wages of the unskilled and the skilled there. Despite the close association of the trade unions with the Labor Party, the unions he says, neither control the party, nor does the party control them. There is interdependence and interdependence.

## Steel Price Policies Called Inflationary

PITTSBURGH (AFLCIO) — U. S. Steel price and profit policies have contributed a lot more to inflation than the efforts of its employees to better their economic lot, President David J. McDonald of the Steelworkers charged in a statement on the company's annual report.

In the report—which showed record production, sales, profits and dividends—Big Steel blamed rising costs on what it called "the abuse of labor monopoly privilege" and government fiscal policies.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Watch It With Watchmakers

## Blood Insurance Plan: Watchmak'rs

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We are repeating an article that we wrote in our column several months' ago, relative to a service available to the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan members, inasmuch as we have had come to our attention cases where, had a "blood bank" been established by the members as outlined in our article, many dollars would have been saved. Therefore, we again wish to remind you that the following service is available to you if you are covered under the Kaiser Foundation Health Service Plan.

Kaiser Foundation has set up a "blood insurance" which means that any member who gives a pint of blood at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital and leaves it there, will have available for use for himself and/or dependents, all the blood necessary regardless of amount, for a period of one year from date blood was given, should blood be needed.

The blood donation must be left with Kaiser Foundation Hospital and is not transferable to an outside hospital.

Also—should an outside person be desirous of leaving a pint of blood to the credit of a member of the Kaiser Foundation Hospital and informing them that he wishes his pint of blood credited to "blood insurance" for so and so family, members of the Kaiser Plan.

A member who gives blood to the blood insurance for protection for himself and family, will have this insurance for one year. A single person member of the Kaiser Foundation Plan who gives a pint of blood (or has another person credit blood to his blood insurance) will have blood insurance protection for himself for a period of two years.

In order to receive the benefits of blood insurance protection, a pint of blood must be set up to your credit BEFORE it is needed—if you do not have this protection you will be charged for any blood needed as is the case in all hospitals.

REMEMBER! No blood can be transferred to an outside hospital. Also, a pint of blood left at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank by you can be transferred to the Kaiser Foundation Hospital at a cost to you of \$8.50 per pint should it be needed by you. However, this does NOT give you blood insurance and none of the protection offered through this insurance can be obtained by this transfer from Irwin. An Irwin transfer merely saves you a certain amount on each pint you have transferred.

We sincerely believe that it is excellent insurance for any person who is eligible—especially members who have families, because we do know from experience that should disaster strike a member of the family and blood transfusions become necessary, it is difficult to find donors at the cost of blood per pint is very high.

NOTE:—This "blood insurance" is not available to a member of his family if he or a member of his family has a pre-existing disease known to require blood.

SAN JOSE MEETING NOTICE: The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 1st at 8 p.m.—Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa Street, San Jose.

## Workers are Threatened By the Farm Decline

DENVER (AFLCIO) — Workers and Businessmen will be "living on shaky stilts" so long as farm income continues to decline, Walter P. Reuther, AFLCIO vice president, and president of the Auto Workers told the biennial convention of the National Farmers Union.

He illustrated his point by citing statistics showing the effect of lower farm income on his own industry.

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## To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that at the next regular meeting, Tuesday, May 1, there will be as a special order of business the following:

1. Increasing the number of delegates to the Grand Lodge convention to be held in San Francisco in September.
2. Nomination of delegates.
3. Loan to Brother Carmel Wilson.

Meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, Oakland 12, California. Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## Steamfitters 342

Our next meeting to be held May 3 will be a special called meeting to hear reports of delegates to California Pipe Trades convention, special committee reports of hearings on pipeline agreement dispute, and recommendations of finance committee and executive board on purchase of three new cars as provided for in bylaws.

The Resolution Committee will be in session every Tuesday evening to assist and discuss with the membership any resolution pertaining to the California Pipe Trades Council, United Association and the State Federation of Labor conventions or any other resolutions pertaining to the local union.

Yours fraternally,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Fin. Sec'y. Bus. Mgr.

## Plasterers 112

The attention of all members is called to Trade Rules, Section 9, Article I. The trade rules become effective on April 15, 1956, and all members are directed to live up to this section of the trade rules.

Fraternally yours,  
GEORGE WHITTON,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 216

Numerous requests have been received by the office regarding the outcome of the vote on the special assessment as voted on Wednesday evening, April 18. The vote was: FOR ASSESSMENT, 97; OPPOSED TO ASSESSMENT, 72. This does not mean that the assessment will be levied because of this vote. It will depend on the national tabulation of all unions' votes. It is not known at this time what this may be. As soon as information is received, all members will be notified.

Fraternally yours,  
LLOYD CHILDS,  
Business Representative

## Hayward Painters 1178

Again we have a Special Meeting following the regular meeting the evening of May 4. This special meeting is called to accept or reject changes or new provisions in the by-laws of the District Council No. 16.

The Resolution from District Council No. 16 relative to changes in the financial setup between it and local unions under its jurisdiction was accepted by this Local at the special meeting April 20 by a considerable majority. It was the belief of most of those present that the resultant benefits received from his change would be worth much more than the cost.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## Hayward Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823

The regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 1, at 9 a.m. at Local 823 headquarters.

Fraternally yours,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Berkeley Painters Local 40

Our next regularly scheduled meeting, Friday, April 27th, will be a special called meeting for the purpose of voting on a resolution regarding an increase in our monthly dues. There will also be a meeting of the executive board at 7:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
BEN RASNIK,  
Recording Secretary

## Cemetery Workers & Greens Attendants 322

Please be informed that the May membership meeting will be held at 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, Oakland.

Cordially and fraternally,  
ED REITH,  
Business Representative

## School Employees 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 2 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, May 5. The executive board will meet at 10 a.m.

Yours fraternally,  
JOE FALLS,  
Secretary

## UC Employees 371

Local 371 will no longer meet at the Labor Temple in Oakland. The meeting place has been changed to Berkeley.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, May 5, at 8 p.m. at the Finnish Brotherhood hall, 1970 Chestnut street, Berkeley.

Directions will be posted at the time clock one week prior to the meeting.

Fraternally yours,  
WALTER N. REINER,  
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## Newsdrivers 96: Ed Clancy Plaque

By MIKE KELLY

We're grateful to Secretary Bob Ash of the Central Labor Council for installing our plaque in memory of our late brother Ed Clancy. For those who haven't seen it, it is in Hall A of the Labor Temple behind and above the Chairman's rostrum.

It is a place of honor for all to see and for those who knew him as a dear and loyal friend it will bring back many memories. Brother Ed was one of God's chosen gentlemen, a fine spirited square dealer to all. May our thoughts in our chosen endeavor and labors be guided by the excellent foundation laid down in organized labor by such men as Ed Clancy.

We were pressed for time in last weeks gathering of news and had some left over. The members of this local asked me to see that our former Vice President Bob Carruthers of the Richmond Independent was thanked by this means for his fine work as an officer and a member of the executive committee for the past 6 years. Bob has always been dependable, helped to clear up many a tight situation and always turned in a good account of a very trying job as acting chairman when called upon.

We sincerely thank you, Brother Bob, for all you've accomplished. Speaking of the Richmond Independent, a pressman friend of ours Brother McComish has a daughter who is a junior at San Francisco State. She is a novice sailor or last Sunday at Lake Merced in the Small Boat Racing Regatta showed the veteran skippers how to rack up the points.

Pat, as we call her, in the first race took a second place and then in the second race switched crews who by the way was her other sister and took a first over 17 other boats. Her first big race, a brand new boat and a brand new crew and she took first place for the day. What a girl! I'll bet the Independent was printed upside down last Monday because of you couldn't make sense of the old man, he was so overjoyed.

Don't forget to look for the union label of the teamsters in the automatic phonographs before you make your selection. We represent them and want that label to help our union brothers who are the installers, mechanics and collectors for that industry.

OLE FAGERHAUGH, Oakland ILWU member, didn't commit contempt of Congress: Court.

Dressing Room Chatter

## Theater B-82 Gets Pact to Employers

By JOE CONNELLY

It is expected that by the time this issue is out that the few remaining contracts will be in the hands of the employers. As this is being written we are preparing agreements for the Berkeley, Cerrito, Roxie and T & D theaters of the Blumfeld circuit.

Negotiations for the firm are being handled by Nate Blumfeld in the absence of Abe Blumfeld. Several points we were unable to iron out concerning the Oaks and El Cerrito Motor Movies will be negotiated with Mr. Abe Blumfeld on his return from the Orient within a month.

An agreement is also being drafted for the El Rey Theater which is represented by Mr. Pete DeCenzies.

An additional thirty (30) retroactive pay checks have been picked up by present or former Fox West Coast Theater employees. We have notified all former members at their last known address. There are a few names we can not identify, but are attempting to trace. We generally find this is due to the fact that the person maintained their membership under a maiden name, while working under a married name.

Several members have worked temporarily at another theater in addition to their regular job and overlooked picking up more than one check.

If you worked as little as two and one-half hours (the minimum call time in theaters only) operating evenings with matinees on Saturday and Sunday) you still would be eligible for retroactive pay, if the time worked was after February 28, 1955.

Up and down the aisle . . . Vaughn Millard, the new man on the late shift at the Broadway . . . Gordon Stoddard, leaving the assistants post at the Fox-Oakland, but will keep his hand in, relieving in various spots for vacations . . . Lorraine Kelly and Juanita Morris, leaving the T & D . . . The final union meeting of the month is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.

## Reuther Congratulates Tunisians on Freedom

DETROIT (AFLCIO) — Congratulations on the signing of the protocol with France recognizing the Independence of Tunisia were cabled by President Walter P. Reuther of the Auto Workers to Ahmed Ben Salah, general secretary of the General Federation of Tunisian Workers.

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Steamfitters Notes, Local 342

## Steamfitters Set Vital Meet May 3

By JIM MARTIN

Our next meeting to be held May 3 will be a special called meeting for the purpose of hearing the reports of the delegates to the California Pipe Trades convention, the special committee reports of hearings held by General President Peter T. Schoemann, Vice-Presidents Lahey and Green and the committees of 159 and 342 on the pipeline agreement dispute, and the recommendations of the finance committee and executive board, relative to the purchase of three new cars as provided for in our by-laws.

The work situation remains good as everyone is employed and additional men from our sister locals have been put to work.

We urge that you attend our meeting on May 3 as the above matters are of vital importance to members of Local 342.

## Welfare Programs Gain Steadily in New York

NEW YORK (AFLCIO) — Nearly 75 percent of the 4.5 million workers in New York State's private industry are protected by employer-financed health or welfare programs, according to State Industrial Commissioner Isador Lubin.

MODERATE INCOME families in San Francisco paid an average of 0.8 percent more for identical purchases in March 1956 than they did last December, according to Max D. Kosoris, Western Regional Director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Pin Ball

## Stage Union 107: Much Home Buying

By WILLIAM PELKEY

It must be the time of the year to buy or sell a house, as Charlie Schlosser of the Fox Oakland Theater is selling to buy another, Jack Craig is buying a new house in San Lorenzo, Ed Sobtker of the United Artists Theater in Berkeley just bought one.

Norman Mulone of the firm Abrott, Mulone and Rantz, looked like he needed a little sleep. This was on Friday, understand he hadn't been to bed for a couple of days. George Rantz of the same firm looking like someone had just robbed him. Take your hands down, George, Jack put it back. Alice Abrott the very pretty boss lady of this firm, looked very cool among all the confusion of opening day, at the Home and Garden Show.

Don't worry, Jack Finnley I'll get you one, it may take a little time, but I'll get it.

## American Labor Fights 2 Kinds of Colonialism

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The American labor movement is opposed to colonialism and always has been, Director George Brown, of the AFLCIO Department of Internal Affairs, told a panel on colonialism at a conference of national organizations sponsored by the American Association for the United Nations.

Rejection of both the declining western colonialism and the rising colonialism of Russia must be central to U. S. foreign policy, he declared.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

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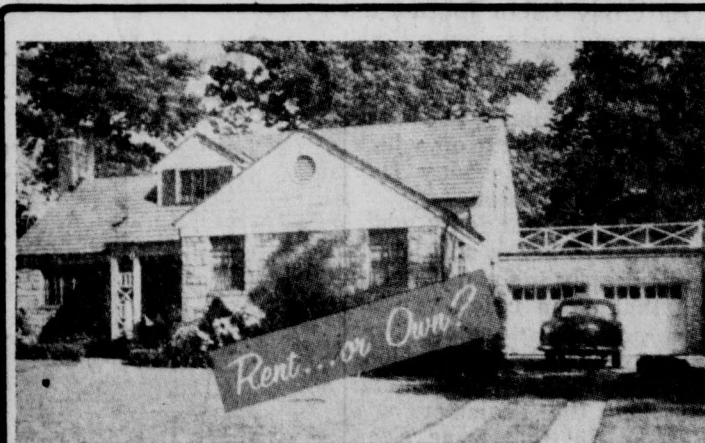
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## OPINIONS

### FIREMEN SEEK SHORTER WEEK

Editor, Labor Journal:

Oakland firemen in order to adjust their hours with other departments throughout the country, have started negotiations to shorten their work week. This change is felt to be justifiable at this time as monthly more and more fire departments are shortening their work hours.

The Oakland fire department at present is working a 67.2 hour week. The anticipated change would be to a 56 hour work week. San Francisco and many other cities are using this particular work schedule.

In the fire department of today many additional duties and skills are required. The training schedule entails a constant development of new techniques to cope with complexities of modern living. Likewise the inspection program which has proven effective in cutting fire losses requires the participation of all members. These along with routine house duties, fire fighting, care of hose and equipment and many other related duties, make for an active work week.

The concept of the card playing fireman waiting for the gong to hit off is no longer true. Night duty is often vigorous and sleep never assured. The effects of the night gong and response on a mans condition is never easy. Therefore it might be said that 56 hours per week could be broken down into a regulation 40 hours of active duties plus 16 hours per week for possible sleep.

Many departments have effected highly efficient work schedules using the 56 hour figure. These eliminate route personnel or traveling men. This sets up a fire company of fixed members under one officer developing the special skills and teamwork to necessary to efficiency. Therefore both the citizens and the fireman would benefit by this fair reduction of hours.

HAROLD J. ABBOTT,  
President,  
Local 55 - I. A. F. F.  
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### THE PROBLEM

According to a "fact sheet" issued by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare on January 12, 1956, we need:

A total of 470,000 classrooms over the next five years as a "reasonable goal."

180,000 of these are needed to replace worn out classrooms of questionable safety.

210,000 of these are needed to take care of estimated increases in school enrollment. — Committee for Political Education.

### UNDIGNIFIED

There is something rather mean and undignified about the attacks on Stalin. Men like Mikoyan and Malenkov, who were for years his colleagues and high priests of his cult, now fall over themselves in eagerness to recant. — London Daily Telegraph.

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## EDITORIALS

### MGM's Monaco Show Reveals What GOP Will Be Doing Soon

There recently appeared in some of the distinguished dailies of this region a series of articles showing the role that has been played by Whitaker & Baxter the political publicity firm, in managing the career of Governor Knight. If these articles are correct, the Governor hardly utters a word without having the said word curried, brushed, and harnessed to the bandwagon by these experts in political dramaturgy. The natural assumption is that all those unctuous "I like Ike" and "I love labor" statements which are emitted by the Governor come trotting out of the W & B stable.

However, more important than the articles' emphasis on something already pretty well known, that Knight is a political paper doll being cut out by the sharp scissors of W & B, is the articles' emphasis on the fact that much other political management is being taken over by hucksters of the smooth word and beguiling phrase such as W & B. This, too, is something that many labor people have already begun to note.

Naturally it is the Republicans, the party of corporate wealth, which is availing itself chiefly of the privilege of having its affairs managed, for a big fee, by slogan slickers and stunt stagers. The power of the vast engines of publicity which the party of corporate wealth can set in motion is something appalling to consider.

Just think of the recent supercolossal MGM show which might well have been entitled: "Hollywood Marries a Gambling Joint." Press, radio, tevee, turned their atomic bombs of blare, blah, and blitz on this trivial episode, and had us all goggling day after day. All during this latest chapter in the history of a vast communications mechanism busily communicating zero with a loud noise, it was terrifying to contemplate the political possibilities of these blah-bombs when they are once thoroughly mobilized to make an imitation like Knight or a myth like Eisenhower seem the solution for our nation's troubles.

We had some foretaste of this disease destined to spread over our political life when on February 29 the big publicity firm of Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn staged the announcement that Mr. Eisenhower had consented to enter the arena sick or well, alive or dead. But that was just the beginning. Now that the big MGM show has shown how to take a gambling joint one-eightieth the size of San Francisco and make it seem bigger than all the rest of the world, we can sit back expectantly awaiting a GOP show that will convince us Eisenhower is the healthiest man in the world and Nixon the world's leading liberal.

After all, if Knight can be dressed up as a labor lover by Whitaker & Baxter, why couldn't Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn disguise their clients successfully now that the MGM Monaco show has set up new sights to shoot at?

### May Day and the Teamsters

Most of the constituent unions of the present AFLCIO have frowned on the observance of May Day as a great holiday for radical labor.

But this May Day, next Tuesday, the AFLCIO executive council has an appointment with destiny which is indeed a radical departure from the past, and moreover is radical in the sense of going to the roots of a serious problem instead of pouring a little perfume on the surface.

The problem is clearly outlined. The International Longshoremen's Association was so corrupt in its operations on the Pacific coast that Harry Bridges was able to seize control of the dock jurisdiction out here. Then, after some years, that same corruption of the ILA, flaunted on the docks of the East, caused the AFL under George Meany's leadership to throw the ILA out. Now Jim Hoffa of the Teamster top leadership, with Dave Beck either approving or afraid to disapprove, is preparing to throw the Teamster strength back of the corrupt ILA's efforts to prevent the AFLCIO from establishing a clean longshoremen's union on the docks of the East and South.

On top of this, the Luce publications are able to feature a veritable rogue's gallery of pictures of lesser Teamster leaders in the East and Midwest, with their police records; and in New York the district attorney is investigating, and publicizing as he investigates, various nefarious operations in which the names of Teamster leaders are repeatedly mentioned.

Are Hoffa and Beck going to be allowed to get away with it, or is the united labor movement going to come clean publicly, dramatically, so that all Americans will understand that racketeering is not, any more than Communism, an integral part of the labor movement? That is the question before the AFLCIO executive council this historic May Day.

Frank Brewster, head of the Western Conference of Teamsters, says that if the Teamsters are thrown out of the AFLCIO he will do everything he can to keep the Western Teamsters in. That is encouraging.

The great majority of Teamsters in this area wish their union to be clean, and wish to stay in the AFLCIO. Some of them have been disturbed in the past by the firm opposition of the AFL here, and of East Bay Labor Journal as its spokesman, to various schemes promoted by Dave Beck when he was commander of the Western Conference. We believe that these honest Teamsters will now appreciate the fact that not every labor movement in the country, not every labor paper, was asleep while things were going on which have now culminated in the necessity for this May Day inquest into the affairs of the international union.

When Dave Beck, who now smiles and stands by while Hoffa's operations are carried on, tried to break up a clean union here, we hammered Beck relentlessly for many weeks in succession, and finally helped that clean union win its fight. When the Santa Rosa apple processing owners lined up under the leadership of the notorious Caldwell union-busting outfit to wreck the Teamsters in Santa Rosa, no group, no paper fought harder to help the Teamsters win that fight, which they did win, than did that same clean union, the Food Clerks, and the whole labor movement here led by Bob Ash, and voiced by East Bay Labor Journal.

That's history. Now for the future. Let's see what happens May Day.

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### 'The Line Changes, The Fence Remains'



### Negro's Plea In Catholic Journal

D. D. Glover of the San Francisco Urban League, writes in a recent issue of Labor Management Panel, publication of the Labor - Management School, University of San Francisco:

The pattern of exclusion is not by any means confined to the private employer. Labor organizations are at times more guilty than the employers. In frequent instances, there is a collusion between the labor union and the employer to the extent that one protects the other in keeping the exclusion pattern. A case in point is a local transportation facility whose management will not employ Negro operators. The union holding the contract will not admit these workers to membership. The employer charges the union with the responsibility of resisting the employment of Negro workers, while the union stubbornly blames management for the problem. Yet, both admit that they do not wish to change their present policies of discrimination. It is unusual to find such a strong reluctance in the general labor field. Basically such a position curtails the potential power of union organizations. Membership is the lifeline of labor organizations, yet they can afford the luxury of denial of opportunities for Negro workers.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

### Huge Corporate Profits Are Shown for 1955

NEW YORK (AFLCIO) — Corporate profits were up 30 percent in 1955 over 1954 figures, the Wall Street Journal reported, and heading even higher in the first quarter of 1956.

The financial paper's compilation of profit reports for 714 companies indicated that 1955 will at least equal 1950 as a record profit year and possibly surpass it when the final government figures are in.

### Mosaic, Terrazzo Locals Boost Pension Benefits

NEW YORK (AFLCIO) — Members of Mosaic and Terrazzo Union Locals 3 and 35 will get substantial increases in pension benefits upon retirement as a result of revisions in their retirement plan.

Local 3 President Arthur Tofolo and Local 35 Business Agent Louis Focacci, trustees of the six-year-old plan, announced the boosts would be made without increasing the employer contribution rate.

### ILO Is Defended By Labor Leaders

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AFLCIO) — The Executive Council of the AFLCIO declared it is greatly concerned over the campaign of falsehoods being waged against the International Labor Organization.

"We regard the ILO as a vital forum through which to promote the cause of freedom and democracy in the world," the Council said. It reiterated labor's "full and unqualified support of the ILO and of United States membership and active participation therein."

The Council urged Congress to enact Senate Joint Resolution No. 97, which provides for an increase in the existing ceiling on the United States' contribution to the ILO from \$1,750,000 to \$3,000,000.

In addition, the Council called for passage of Senate Joint Resolution No. 117, which calls on the United States, in cooperation with other nations, to assume leadership in the campaign to abolish the use of forced labor and to support the adoption of a Convention on forced labor at the 1956 Conference of the ILO.

"The AFLCIO believes that the failure of the U. S. Government to support the ILO both morally and financially would weaken the forces of freedom and democracy within that organization and throughout the world. Active and energetic leadership and encouragement would, on the other hand, demonstrate to the aspiring peoples of the world that America represents mankind's best hope on earth," the Council said.

**AFLCIO ON KGO**  
The AFLCIO announces from Washington that the schedules Monday through Friday of Commentators Edward P. Morgan and John W. Vandercok on KGO are: Morgan 6:45 p. m.; Vandercok 10:05 p. m.

### Why Denver Still Has Those Slums!

A perfect demonstration of why it's so hard to get rid of slums is provided by the Denver Property Owners Association in its current fight against the city's new housing code.

Piously claiming that "we want slum clearance and all its great benefits," the landlord outfit fights tooth and nail not only against elimination of run-down, filthy firetraps, but even against the new code's requirement that those that are repairable be brought up to decent standards. Their stand is based on the claim that the city is trying to confiscate their property, and that this is unconstitutional.

But what is the real reason for this selfish fight against the public interest? Let the landlord association tell it in its own words: "Do you know that... you may be forced to either spend large sums of money making your property comply with these codes or to demolish your structures? Do you know that the value of your property has greatly decreased because of these codes?"

There it is, the greedy, grubbing, unvarnished truth, stripped of the fancy words and the pious protestations. The landlords insist on the right to extract the last greasy dollar from their cherished property—and to hell with the right to life and decency of those they are exploiting to rake in this blood money.

They want slum clearance, they say. But they want their blood money right on the line first, if you don't mind—and let slum clearance wait its turn, whenever that may be.

We hope the city stands up to these selfish exploiters of human degradation.—Colorado Labor Advocate.

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